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In re U.S. Patent Application of Vaidyanathan,)
et al.)
Application No. 10/038,398) Group Art Unit: 3738
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For: Compositions and Methods for)
Biomedical Applications)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2005, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A petition for a one-month extension of time for response is included with this filing. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.